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**DYLAN JONES WINS CHARLES M. WEST LEADERSHIP AWARD
FROM ARKANSAS PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION**

LITTLE ROCK, AR (June 10, 2013) – Dylan Jones, third year student at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) College of Pharmacy, was named winner of the 2013 Charles M. West Leadership Award by the Arkansas Pharmacists Association (APA) at a luncheon on Thursday, June 6, during its 131st Annual Convention held at the Little Rock Marriott from June 6-8.

“In a short time at UAMS College of Pharmacy, Dylan has demonstrated political prowess and a desire to influence the policy-making process by lobbying legislators at the state and federal level,” said APA Executive Vice President Mark Riley. “His leadership was recently acknowledged by his peers when he was elected 2013-2014 president of the American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) at UAMS.”

The Charles M. West Leadership Award honors a student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership abilities and contributed to the profession of pharmacy.

A native of Conway, Jones graduated from Conway Senior High School and the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville where he earned his bachelor’s degree in biology. A rising third year student at the UAMS College of Pharmacy, Jones was recently elected by his peers to serve as APhA-ASP President 2013 – 2014 on the UAMS Campus. As UAMS APhA-ASP President, Jones will serve as a Board Member on the APA’s Board of Directors.

In addition, Jones previously served as the APhA-ASP Vice President of Policy. He also represented UAMS at the National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) 2013 RxImpact conference where he had the opportunity to lobby Arkansas’s Congressional delegation on pharmacy-related issues. Jones

also participated in the National Community Pharmacists Association's (NCPA) Legislative Conference where he also lobbied Congress. At the state level, Jones recently helped hand write and deliver invitations to all 135 Arkansas state legislators to invite them to the Pharmacy Health Fair at the Arkansas State Capitol and the Arkansas Pharmacy Legislative Reception.

Jones will complete his third and fourth years of pharmacy school at the UAMS Northwest Campus in Fayetteville.

The Arkansas Pharmacists Association, founded in 1882, is the statewide professional association representing approximately 2,300 pharmacists in Arkansas. APA strives to further the professional advancement of pharmacists, advocate the value of pharmacy, and safeguard the health and well-being of every Arkansan. Its mission is to advance a professional and business environment for Arkansas pharmacists to be successful and fulfilled in serving patients.

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